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FINAL AGENDA
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNCIL
State Capitol, Room 172
June 3-4, 2015

NOTE: AGENDA ITEM TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE--SOME ITEMS MAY TAKE MORE OR LESS TIME THAN IS ALLOTTED.

Wednesday, June 3, 2015

- 1 p.m. **Call to Order - Roll Call**
Sen. John Brenden
- 1:05 p.m. **Administrative Matters**
- Committee Introductions
 - Staff Introductions - Mr. Kolman
 - Adoption of EQC Minutes from September 10-11, 2014 (Tab 1)
 - EQC Budget Overview
 - Adoption of EQC rules (Tab 2)
- 1:20 p.m. **Council and Staff Responsibilities** - Mr. Kolman
- 1:35 p.m. **Water Policy Interim Committee Update** - Mr. Mohr
1:40 p.m. **Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee Update** -
Ms. Nowakowski
- 1:45 p.m. **Break**
- 2 p.m. **Election of the EQC Chair and Vice Chair** (Tab 3)
- 2:05 p.m. **Introduction and Review of Interim Work Plan Options**
(Tabs 4 & 5)
- Work Plan Option Matrix Introduction - Mr. Kolman
 - Review of Individual Work Plan Elements - EQC Staff
 - Public Comment
- 3:15 p.m. **BREAK**
- 3:25 p.m. **Statutory Administrative Rule Review** (Tab 6)
- General overview - Ms. Thigpen
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any

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- 3:45 p.m. **Food and Ag Development Centers Program update**
- Kim Falcon, Department of Agriculture
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 4:05 p.m. **Fire Season**
- Bob Harrington, DNRC
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 4:25 p.m. **Forests in Focus**
- Bob Harrington, DNRC
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 4:45 p.m. **Forested Trust Land Sustainable Yield Calculation**
- Sonya Germann, DNRC
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 5:05 p.m. **Public Comment** on any matter not contained in this agenda and
that is within the jurisdiction of the EQC
- 5:15 p.m. Recess

Thursday, June 4, 2015:

- 8:00 a.m. **Petroleum Tank Release Site Closure Update (HB 613, 2011)**
(Tab 7)
- Rebecca Ridenour, DEQ
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 8:20 a.m. **Orphan Share Remedial Action Update (SB 96, 2015)**
- Jenny Chambers, DEQ
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 8:40 a.m. **Update: Implementation of Sage Grouse Stewardship Act**
- Tim Baker, Governor's Office
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 9:00 a.m. **Continue Review and Discussion of Work Plan (Tabs 4 & 5)**

- 9:30 a.m. **Adoption of Work Plan Options**
- Public comment
 - EQC discussion, adoption of work plan
 - Appointment of EQC-ETIC subcommittee, if necessary
- 9:45 a.m. **Adoption of Interim EQC Calendar**
- Discussion of Next Steps for EQC Studies**
- 10:00 a.m. BREAK
- 10:15 a.m. **Overview of 2016-2019 Fishing Regulations (Tab 8)**
- Director Jeff Hagener and Bruce Rich, FWP
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 10:40 a.m. **Wolf management update (87-1-901, MCA) (Tab 9)**
- Director Jeff Hagener, FWP
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 11:00 a.m. **Agency Overview Presentations**
- Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks -
Director Jeff Hagener
 - Department of Environmental Quality -
Director Tom Livers
 - Department of Natural Resources and Conservation -
Director John Tubbs
 - Public Comment
 - Questions/discussion - EQC
- 12:00 p.m. **Public Comment** on any matter not contained in this agenda and
that is within the jurisdiction of the EQC
- Other Business**
Instructions to Staff
- 12:15 p.m. **Adjourn**

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